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SUBJ: EFFORTS CONTINUE TO FORM GOVERNMENT

1. THE OUTCOME OF PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE DEMIREL'S EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNCERTAIN. NEVERTHELESS, DEMIREL ANNOUNCED MARCH 26 THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT PARTY LEADERS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON A COALITION PROTOCOL AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO PRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK BY THE WEEKEND. (HE DID NOT HOWEVER, REVEAL THE DETAILS OF THE PROTOCOL AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED HE WOULD.)

2. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) DISSIDENTS WHOSE SUPPORT OR ABSTENTION IS CURRENTLY THE KEY TO DEMIREL'S CHANCES OF WINNING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ARE SAID TO BE WAVERING BUT STILL HAVE NOT ANNOUNCED A DECISION. BILGIC, THE LEADER OF THE DISSIDENT GROUP IN THE DP, REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR ISTANBUL MARCH 27 WITH THREE OTHER PARTY

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MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH FORMER PRESIDENT

BAYAR. BILGIC TRAVELLED TO ISTANBUL EARLIER THIS
WEEK FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

3. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, WHO
RETURNED FROM A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO ENGLAND LAST MARCH 26, AND
DP CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLI MET MARCH 27 AND ANNOUNCED
AGREEMENT ON OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS ON THE CONDITION THAT A DP-
TECHNOCRAT GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. THE RPP, HOWEVER, IS INSISTING
THAT ITS PROPOSAL FOR JUNE ELECTIONS BE VOTED ON IN THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN ON THE AGREEMENT WITH
THE DP. THE COMMITTEE DEBATE AND VOTE ARE SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 31 (I.E., BEFORE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON THE DEMIREL
GOVERNMENT COULD BE HELD).
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